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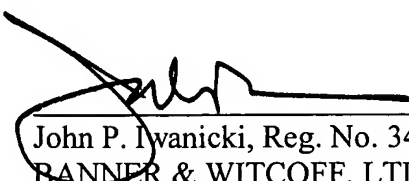
At page 2 of the instant Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction among 4 groups of inventions, namely claims 1-12, drawn to a method of coating a medical device (Group I), classified in class 427, subclass 2.26; claims 13-15, drawn to a medical device (Group II), classified in class 623, subclass 16; claims 16-25 and 27, drawn to a coating reactor (Group III), classified in class 118, subclass 602; and claim 26, drawn to a method of measuring, classified in class 427, subclass 8.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement. Applicants believe that the subject matter of claims 1-12, 13-15, 16-25 and 27, and 26 is interrelated to the extent that a search and examination of the subject matter of those claims in the same application would not be overburdensome.

Notwithstanding, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-12 for prosecution on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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